

Northern Challenge '23

Information Packet



A Kairos Summer Spiritual Formation Trip
July 30th – August 3rd, 2023

Hello Parents of Current 8th – 12th graders,

It is our hope and prayer that Northern Challenge '23 will be a week with true-life impact on each of our kids, leaders, and Student Ministries as a whole. We will do everything we can to make it a grand adventure while stretching our kids in new ways, physically and spiritually. We take this responsibility seriously; we look forward to working with you to make this trip a reality.

What is Northern Challenge '23?

Northern Challenge '23 is a unique summer spiritual formation trip for our students. We have created and developed this trip from the ground up with our specific group of students in mind. No other groups will be joining us, which allows us to tailor the trip to our specific growth points.

Our gatherings will focus on the theme "Together: Living in Christ Centered Community." All that we study and do will build our relationship with Christ, and our relationship with each other. Learning to follow Jesus's example while pushing ourselves and encouraging each other through it all. It won't always be easy, but it will be well worth taking the challenge head-on.

The trip will be broken down into two main locations with many adventures built in. In this packet you will find some of the main adventures, but many smaller ones will be revealed as the week plays out. This will help us have a sense of surprise added to our overall adventure.

Locations?

We will spend **Sunday and Monday** on the Namekagon River in Minong Wisconsin with one night of camping under the stars. We are using Jacobson Outdoors as our outfitters. <https://www.jacobsonoutdoors.com>.

Jacobson Outdoors

The Namekagon and St. Croix Rivers are some of the most beautiful rivers in the Midwest. Our trip will consist of paddling down these scenic rivers during the day and camping under the stars at night. This is a true wilderness experience right here in Northern Wisconsin.

Monday night through Thursday we will be spending 3 nights in Two Harbors, MN with day trips throughout northern MN. We will be based at the Fitzgerald Manor in Two Harbors, MN.



A large vacation rental that will allow us to all be housed together. This will give us good space to gather for bible study, conversations, create and serve our own meals and play together--all a part of learning how to live in Christ centered community.

https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/12608353?source_impression_id=p3_1670170940_ZRp00EwK0cqowD8m

About the Fitzgerald Manor

We love having groups here at Fitzgerald Manor. With over 10,000 square feet our spacious home allows you to be comfortable and relaxed.

The space

The manor has wonderful gathering areas to accommodate your groups activities. In addition to 7 individual bedrooms, we have 6 twin beds available to be set up in any of the bedrooms or the student study room only. We are a true BnB so we will be providing breakfast for you each morning. Breakfast is typically serviced at 9am but we are completely flexible with the timing.

Guest access

By taking over the Manor you have access to our gourmet kitchen with 2 prep islands, massive 6-burner 2-oven stove. You will have 2 of your own full-size refrigerators. There is an extensive library with a nice assortment of books, movie DVD's & games.

Who can attend?

All students who are currently in 8th through 12th grades are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Who will the adults be?

We will first look to adults who are currently serving in Student Ministries and will continue to serve this next school year. After that, if we are in need of more adults, we will look for others in this order: 1) Those who will be joining the team this coming fall. 2) Those who have served in student ministries in the past. 3) Other ministry leaders within the church body*.

*Exceptions may include those who work specifically with a student with special needs.

How are we going to get there?

We will be taking the church vans along with a third van as needed.

What does the trip cost?

Jacobson Outdoors:	\$180
Housing in Two Harbors:	\$320
Meals:	\$ 40
Program:	\$155
Transportation:	<u>\$ 30</u>
Total real cost:	<u>\$725</u>
Church contribution:	<u>\$302</u>
Final cost per student	\$423

*An additional \$60 is recommended for meals on the road and for incidentals.

Key Dates:

Registration night @ Kairos and Bona Fide: Wednesday, January 25th. This is the first opportunity to register.

Space is limited to 23. Spots are filled first come first serve. After spots are filled a waiting list will be established.

Fund raising dates and student/leader pre-gatherings will be published as they become available.

Parent/student/leader pre-trip dinner: July: 26th

Payment Schedule:

Deposit due at registration: \$100 (non- refundable, but transferrable)

Balance due at parent/student/leader dinner: July: 26th

What about fund raising?

We understand the challenge of cost for many families. Although we want to help as much as possible, we cannot raise the total funds needed for each student. Ultimately, it is the responsibility for each student and family to cover costs.

With that said, each family has a Family Funding Account you can draw from. Families with funds, have been taking advantage of ongoing fund raisers throughout the year. We will be preparing and serving four all-church meals. Those who participate in these fundraisers can add money to their Family Funding Accounts. Scrip is also offered year-round to raise funds.

How to Register:

Register in person at programming starting Jan 25, 2023 at 6:15pm

Register online at:

<https://c3ec.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1544174>

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